

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-30, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A mounting system comprising:

a wall plate for mounting to a support surface;

a mount plate for mounting to a display; and

an articulated linkage between the wall mount and the mount plate including a first variable drag tapered bearing for providing adjustable variable drag pivotal movement about a first pivot axis,[[.]] wherein the variable drag tapered bearing comprises: a tapered bore carried by a first support element of the articulated linkage; and a tapered axle carried by a second support element, wherein the tapered axle includes a tapered spindle such that the variable drag tapered bearing provides variable compression between the tapered bore and the tapered spindle independent of rotation of the first and second support elements.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the articulated linkage further includes[[.]] a second adjustable variable drag tapered bearing providing adjustable variable drag pivotal movement about a second pivot axis displaced from the first pivot axis.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A mounting system comprising:

a wall plate for mounting to a support surface;

a mount plate for mounting to a display; and

an articulated linkage between the wall mount and the mount plate including comprising a first adjustable variable drag tapered bearing for providing adjustable variable drag pivotal movement about a first pivot axis[.] and a support element, wherein the variable drag tapered bearing comprises:

a tapered bore formed in a first support element; and  
a tapered axle carried by a second support element, wherein the tapered axle includes a tapered spindle for insertion into the tapered bore.

**6. (Canceled)**

**7.(Currently Amended)** The system of claim [[6]] 5, wherein the variable drag tapered bearing further comprises:

means for providing a variable axial force between the tapered spindle and the tapered bore to control friction there between, wherein the variable axial force is independent of rotation of the first and second support elements. wherein the means for providing the adjustable axial force is a screw.

**8.(Canceled)**

**9.(Currently Amended)** The system of claim [[8]] 2, wherein the tapered bore is part of a bushing carried by the second first support element.

**10.(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The system of claim [[9]] 2 wherein;  
the tapered axle further includes a tapered mount;  
the first second element of the articulated linkage carries a tapered bore; and

the tapered mount is clamped into the tapered bore of the first second support element.

11.(Currently Amended) The system of claim [[9]] 2 wherein;  
the tapered axle further includes a threaded spindle;  
the first second support element of the articulated linkage carries a threaded bore; and  
the threaded spindle is screwed into the threaded bore of the first second support element.

12.(Canceled)

13.(Currently Amended) The system of claim [[8]] 2, wherein the tapered bore is formed in the second first support element.

14.(Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The system of claim [[13]] 5 wherein;  
the tapered axle further includes a tapered mount;  
the first second element of the articulated linkage carries a tapered bore; and  
the tapered mount is clamped into the tapered bore of the first second support element.

15.(Canceled)

16.(Canceled)

17.(Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the articulated linkage further includes[[ :]] a second adjustable variable drag tapered bearing providing adjustable variable drag pivotal movement about a second pivot axis displaced from the first pivot axis.

**18.(Canceled)**

**19. (New)** The system of claim 2, wherein the first support element comprises a first support arm and the tapered bore is carried by the first support arm.

**20. (New)** The system of claim 2, wherein the second support element comprises a second support arm and the tapered axle is carried by the second support arm.

**21. (New)** The system of claim 2, wherein the variable drag tapered bearing further comprises:  
a squared neck protruding from a top surface of the tapered spindle;  
a tension cap having a through hole and a squared counter bore for mating with the squared neck on the tapered spindle;  
a washer having an aperture large enough to clear the squared neck on the tapered spindle;  
a drag adjustment screw extending through the tension cap and the washer, wherein the drag adjustment screw provides variable compression between the tapered bore of the first support element and the tapered spindle of the second support element independent of rotation of the first and second support elements.

**22. (New)** The system of claim 21, wherein the tapered spindle includes a threaded receiver and the drag adjustment screw threads into the threaded receiver.

**23. (New)** The system of claim 5, wherein the variable drag tapered bearing further comprises:  
a squared neck protruding from a top surface of the tapered spindle;

a tension cap having a through hole and a squared counter bore for mating with the squared neck on the tapered spindle;

a washer having an aperture large enough to clear the squared neck on the tapered spindle;

an drag adjustment screw extending through the tension cap and the washer, wherein the drag adjustment screw provides variable compression between the tapered bore of the first support element and the tapered spindle of the second support element independent of rotation of the first and second support elements.

24. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein the tapered spindle includes a threaded receiver and the drag adjustment screw threads into the threaded receiver.

25. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the tapered spindle is secured to a threaded spindle that is carried by a threaded bore of the second support element.

26. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for providing the variable axial force is a screw.

27. (New) The system of claim 5, wherein the first support element comprises a first support arm and the tapered bore is formed in the first support arm.

28. (New) The system of claim 5, wherein the second support element comprises a second support arm and the tapered spindle is carried by the second support arm.

29. (New) A mounting system comprising:

a wall plate for mounting to a support surface;

a mount plate for mounting to a display; and

an articulated linkage between the wall mount and the mount plate including a first variable drag tapered bearing, for providing variable drag pivotal movement about a first pivot axis, wherein the first variable drag tapered bearing comprises:

a tapered bore carried by a first support element of the articulated linkage;

a tapered axle carried by a second support element, wherein the tapered axle includes a tapered spindle;

a drag adjustment screw extending from the tapered spindle;

a tension cap having a through hole, wherein the drag adjustment screw extends through the first support element and the through hole;

a fastener for engaging the drag adjustment screw and variably compressing the tension cap and the first support element by varying the tension between the fastener and the drag adjustment screw, thereby providing variable compression between the tapered spindle and the tapered bore.

30. (New) The mounting system of claim 29 wherein the fastener is secured to a top end of the drag adjustment screw and the drag adjustment screw screws into a threaded receiver carried by the tapered spindle such that as the drag adjustment screw is screwed into or out of the threaded receiver the tension cap either increases or releases pressure, respectively, between the tapered spindle and the tapered bore to vary the drag there between.